UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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JESUS O. TRUJILLO,

MESQUITE GAMING LLC,

Plaintiff(s),

Case No. 2:15-CV-145 JCM (CWH)

ORDER

Defendant(s).

Presently before the court is defendant Mesquite Gaming's motion to dismiss for failure of service of process. (Doc. # 6). Plaintiff's response was due by July 13, 2015. Plaintiff has not filed a response or sought an extension from the court.

"To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to 'state a claim for relief that is plausible on its face." *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009) (quoting *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). "Where a complaint pleads facts that are 'merely consistent' with a defendant's liability, it 'stops short of the line between possibility and plausibility of entitlement to relief." *Id.* (citing *Bell Atlantic*, 550 U.S. at 557). However, where there are well pled factual allegations, the court should assume their veracity and determine if they give rise to relief. *Id.* at 1950.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7-2, an opposing party must file points and authorities in response to a motion and failure to file a timely response constitutes the party's consent to the granting of the motion and is proper grounds for dismissal. *See* LR IB 7-2(d); *United States v. Warren*, 601 F.2d 471, 474 (9th Cir. 1979). However, prior to dismissal, the district court is required to weigh several factors: "(1) the public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring

| 1 | disposition of cases of their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic sanctions." Ghazali v. |
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| 2 | Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (citing Henderson v. Duncan, 779 F.2d 1421, 1423 (9th Cir. |
| 3 | 1986)). |
| 4 | Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) provides: "If a defendant is not served within 120 |
| 5 | days after the complaint is filed, the court—on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff— |
| 6 | must dismiss the action without prejudice." |
| 7 | Plaintiff filed his complaint on January 23, 2015. (Doc. # 1). On June 15, 2015, the clerk |
| 8 | of the court provided notice to plaintiff that the action would be dismissed if plaintiff did not file |
| 9 | proof of service of process by July 15, 2015. (Doc. # 5). To date, plaintiff has failed to file proof |
| 10 | of service with the court as to defendant Mesquite Gaming. |
| 11 | In light of plaintiff's failure to respond and weighing the factors identified in Ghazali, the |
| 12 | court finds dismissal of plaintiff's complaint against the moving defendants appropriate. |
| 13 | Accordingly, |
| 14 | IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that defendant Mesquite |
| 15 | Gaming's motion to dismiss for failure of service of process (doc. # 6) be, and the same hereby is, |
| 16 | GRANTED. The case is dismissed without prejudice. The clerk is ordered to close the case. |
| 17 | DATED July 20, 2015. |
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| 19 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE |
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James C. Mahan U.S. District Judge